

Preschool News

Kathy Mitchell

There is a little (very little) breeze in the air and the leaves are starting to change colors so even though we still can't tell it by our weather, fall is officially here. As I write, it is raining out so maybe that will bring a few cool crisp days our way. Now having said that—our children don't mind the warm weather one bit!

October is always a really fast month for us. The fire truck visited our center and we visited the fire station. We learned so much about fire safety and we got to meet some real live heroes. It is always great to appreciate our hard working fire fighters.

This month was also Trike-A-Thon month. Our students loved learning about bicycle safety with BikeWell Bear. They brought their bikes on Monday and we practiced what we learned. This year we raised over \$3,000 for St. Jude's, so to those of you who donated—thank you for helping us help St. Jude. Ms. Melanie & Mrs. Deby's classes went to the pumpkin patch in Monroe. They ran through the mazes, listened to stories, had snacks and picked out their very own pumpkin to take home. Now I ask you what could be better than that? We also collected shoe boxes for the Navajo Christmas Box Project. Our students filled about 20 boxes. They enjoyed counting the boxes during math lesson and talking about generosity. Jesus calls us to love others as we love ourselves.

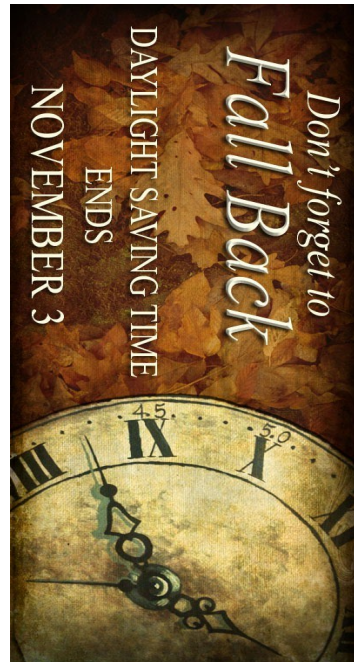
As our month ends we are looking forward to the **Fall Festival** on Oct. 27 here at Emmanuel. It is a joy to hear the squeals of delight as the children play the games and eat the treats we will provide. Please pray with me that we will not miss one opportunity to minister to the families God sends to us on this day.

As always, thank you for the prayers, the goodies and the support you provide the preschool ministry!

Hannah Gunnels



We have been so blessed in the children's ministry. Sunday school rooms have been full as well as Wednesday night classes. We have also had a great number in children's church. Just a reminder—children do not need to pick up siblings from children's church. Children will only be released to a parent, grandparent or guardian.



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Prayers Needed!

I lift my eyes toward the mountains. Where will my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth, Psalm 121:1-2, CSB. This verse has been bouncing around in my mind and marinating in my heart for the past several weeks. I have read Psalm 121 with several people lately who were struggling with sickness and other needs. How often do we meditate on the true identity and power of the One we seek in prayer? He is the Maker of heaven and earth. This chapter goes on to say He never slumbers or sleeps. We belong to the Almighty God, were purchased by the blood of His Son, can speak to Him through our prayers, and He promises to hear and respond. How can we neglect or minimize so great a blessing?

I would like to invite you to join me in praying in a more united way here at Emmanuel. It would be amazing to be able to communicate prayer needs to many of our church members at one time, so that we might come together in united prayer for a brother or sister in their moment of need. I am putting together a group called **“the Pastor’s Prayer Team.”** Those who are part of this group will be a part of a text group in my phone. When I am made aware of an urgent prayer need, I will send out a group text to the Pastor’s Prayer Team members. Those who are part of that team will then pray in a united way, bringing the resources of heaven to bear. If you believe the Lord would have you serve in this effort, text your name to 318-514-8113. I will add your number to the group, and we will look forward to seeing how the Lord will move in response to the prayers of His people.

I would also like to extend a thank you to those who served in October through BCM soul food, CCA’s soup for the soul, Christmas shoe boxes, and our Fall Festival. October was a busy month in the life of Emmanuel Baptist Church, and those and other ministries open doors for the Gospel to be shared. Thank you for being the member the Lord has called you to be in the Body of our Lord Jesus!

Join us for worship...

Sundays

9:00 a.m. Bible Study
10:15 a.m.
Morning Worship
6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship

Wednesdays

5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal
6 p.m. Recharge Service
Youth Bible Study
Mission Organizations
Adult Choir Practice
6:45 p.m. College
“Explore”





college & young professionals

Randy Trail

God is certainly blessing the college/young professionals ministry in our church. What a great joy it is to be a part of what He is doing! A huge “thank you” to many Sunday School classes that provide breakfast for the students on Sundays.

It has been encouraging to see university students ministering in our church through children’s church, greeters, worship and mission projects. The students especially enjoyed making 12 Christmas shoeboxes together.

In November, we will be taking a team of 5 students from Emmanuel to work among the immigrants in one of the most strategic cities in the world, **New York City**. We are asking our church family to play a major role in this mission endeavor. Please pray for us “daily” now and through November 16th-22nd while we are there. If you would like to assist the team with any financial support, our team members would be most appreciative. Thank you for all you do as a church family for the students that God has been sending our way.



Adron Hart

STUDENT

MINISTRY

Many of you have expressed interest in cooking or helping serve the **homeless** on November 2nd. We will have sign up sheets stationed around the sanctuary. We are looking for pots of chicken and dumplings, dressing, green beans, desserts and cases of water. Any help will definitely be appreciated. We usually serve around 60-70 people. If you will come serve with us, we are going to leave Emmanuel at 11 a.m., serve at Noon, and return to Ruston around 1:30 p.m. It is a very rewarding day and very, very easy. I won’t ask you to do anything that makes you uncomfortable; in fact, you can simply come and observe if you are nervous! W would just love to see everyone involved.

Our students are getting excited about **YEC** this year. This is **Youth Evangelism Celebration** which is a 2-day conference in Alexandria on November 24-25. They will hear God’s Word preached, worship songs and some other talents that glorify the Lord.

We are also very excited to say that we have started a **Youth Praise Band**. They are practicing on Sunday evenings and will be leading our youth on Wednesday nights! Please pray that their nervousness will be replaced with joy and peace! And as always, I ask that you pray for the youth and for my family!

Ministry

spotlight

Stephen Nutt

Making transitions is sometimes not the easiest thing to do. You, Emmanuel Baptist Church, have been so helpful in easing our transition to Ruston. Thank you! Also, thank you so much for the “pounding” you provided for us in October. You are so generous; what a blessing!

What is the most important thing you will do today?
As Christians, spending time with Jesus should be at the top of the list. Spending time with Jesus includes not only reading scripture but prayer as well. Many of us know this is of utmost importance but we still neglect to make it a priority as we should. Recently I was reading some insights on prayer from Dr. Steve Horn, the Executive Director of the Louisiana Baptist Convention. He was reminding us of how much emphasis Jesus placed on prayer. In fact, one of the things Jesus’s disciples asked Him to teach them was how to pray (Luke 11). They could have asked Him to teach them many other things (how to feed 5000, raise the dead, etc.), but how to pray is what they really wanted to learn. The Disciples took notice of Jesus’ prayer life and wanted to learn more!

If you are struggling to be more consistent in praying, here are 3 things that Dr. Horn suggests:

- Establish a **priority** for praying. What does the example of Jesus praying say about our own need to pray? If Jesus needed to pray, how much more do we need to pray?
- Establish a **place** of prayer. A particular place does not assure the answer to prayer, but your place might just become that holy place for you.
- Establish a **plan** of prayer. Get a notebook. Get a list. Get a guide. Get a partner. Do something to plan to pray. I always do better when I have a plan.

These 3 suggestions are not earth shattering, nor are they that difficult. They will though take some commitment and effort. As Christians, we need to be about daily prayer. Praying to God can make a huge difference in your life and the lives of those you are praying for. Let’s get to praying!

Robert Grafton

MUSIC

MINISTRY

Our college students did a great job of leading us in worship last Sunday with their singing and playing. They will be doing this again before the end of their fall quarter.

We have a new sound system in the choir room that should enhance our rehearsals each Wednesday at 6 p.m. We are working hard on our Christmas musical and would love for some more of you to join us. The combined choirs of First Baptist Church of Arcadia and Emmanuel will present a Christmas musical at both churches— **December 8** at Arcadia and **December 15** at Emmanuel.

As we approach the Thanksgiving season, let me say how thankful I am for all of those involved with Emmanuel’s worship ministry. This includes our choir, praise team, audio/video team, and our instrumentalists. Be sure to express your appreciation to them as well.

November						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>Wednesday Night Kid’s Schedule: 6:00 P.M. RA’s, GA’s, Mission Kids <i>(FLC Gym)</i> Youth Bible Study (7-12 gr.) <i>(youth room)</i></div>					1 ADULT GAME NIGHT 6:00 p.m. (snacks, etc.)	2 Youth to Monroe for “Simple Project” Homeless Missions 11:00 a.m.
3 <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i> LBS-4:30 p.m.-CTR Women on Missions 5 p.m.—A7 EWS—6 p.m.	4 <i>Ladies Prayer Group—10:30 am</i>	5 Men’s Prayer Group—8:00 a.m. Ladies Weight Loss Bible Study 5:30 p.m.-CTR	6 WN Meal—5 p.m. WNR—6 p.m. LBS-6 p.m.-A7 Deacons 7 p.m.	7 JOY Council 11 a.m. <i>(FLC reserved 6-8 p.m.)</i>	8	9 <i>(FLC Gym reserved for Boy Scout Food Drive)</i> Adult 6 Ladies Outing
10 College Commissioning Service-10:15 a.m. N.Home—2:30 p.m. LBS-4:30 p.m.-CTR EWS—6 p.m.	11 <i>Ladies Prayer Group—10:30 am</i>	12 Men’s Prayer Group—8:00 a.m. Ladies Weight Loss Bible Study 5:30 p.m.-CTR	13 WN Meal—5 p.m. WNR—6 p.m. LBS-6 p.m.-A7	14	15 <i>(FLC reserved 6:00 p.m.)</i>	16 <i>(CTR reserved for birthday party)</i> Adult 4 Social (TBA) <div>College Mission Trip 16-22</div>
17 LBS-4:30 p.m.-CTR Evening Worship 6 p.m.	18 <i>Ladies Prayer Group—10:30 am</i> Daycare Scholastic Book Fair Nov. 18-22	19 MPG—8:00 a.m. <i>Daycare Grandparents’ Celebration-9 a.m.</i> LWL B. Study 5:30 p.m.-CTR	20 WEEC 4 p.m. Churchwide Thanksgiving Dinner & Lord’s Supper 6 p.m.	21 JOY Luncheon 11 a.m. Daycare Thanksgiving Feast	22	23
College Mission Trip to New York - 16-22						
24 Evening Worship 6 p.m. <div>Y.E.C.</div>	25 <i>Ladies Prayer Group—10:30 am</i>	26 Men’s Prayer Group—8:00 a.m. Ladies Weight Loss Bible Study 5:30 p.m.-CTR	27 <i>No WNS</i>	28 Thanksgiving <i>Church Office Closed</i>	29 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	30